



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*March 23, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm*

**“...Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a parent’s will, but born of God...”**

*~John 1:1-14*

### Electronic Giving Address:

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ATTN: Financial Secretary, First UMC

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1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday(March 28 – Palm Sunday)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Please remember that it is very important to **SIGN UP** for worship **EVERY** week. It makes it easier for us to prepare a spot for you! And just a reminder, both services will be live-streamed. You can access them at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>.

2. Our next **Food Pantry Ministry is April 11th**. Please bring your food items to worship that day or to the church office breezeway the week before. Thank you!

3. **Lent & Easter Schedule:** April 1: Holy Thursday -7pm (FLC); April 2: Good Friday – 12N (Sanctuary); April 4: Easter Sunday (9am FLC & 10:30am Sanctuary). **Please make your reservations NOW!**

4. Our 10:30 Easter Worship Service will have a **Brass Quintet** and our 9:00am Worship Service will feature **more music** than we have recently enjoyed!

5. In April, we will celebrate **Communion** on Holy Thursday (4/1) and Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

6. The **Amazon Smile Program** is up and running. If you make First United Methodist Church of Toms River your charity, our church receives a percentage of the eligible purchases you make. FANTASTIC!! A separate email detailing the program was sent last week. Questions? Contact Kim General at [kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com) ☺

7. I know you do not need me to remind you that the ongoing ministry of First Church depends on your regular financial support. The details for giving are above. I am grateful to you for the many ways you have continued our shared ministry and pray for the strength you need to navigate through these difficult and sometimes scary times. Please consider a special gift to your church in this season of new life! Thank you with all my heart!

### March/April Birthdays

Pat Zakar (26), Amanda Ellis (28),

Edith Rich (29)

Judy Heale (4/1)

Joseph Decker (4/3)

Terri Ferrara (4/6)

Walt Bodie (4/6)

Kaylah O’Malley (4/6)

Audrey Porter (4/7)

### April Anniversaries

Vivian & Arnold Egeland (4)

Dan & Barbara Clinch (7)

*Shoprite Cards* available after  
9am worship and before  
10:30am worship **THIS**  
**SUNDAY (3/28)!!**

I love you,

*Pastor Ed* (cell: 609-617-5182)

**Congratulations** to new Grandpa, Ken Zeir on the birth of granddaughter *Isla Quinn* (the ‘s’ is silent with a short ‘i’) in Austin, Texas. Ken *promises* to have pictures this week!